

# **Bienvenidos a La Clase de Español**

Course Description

The main objective of this course is to provide students with the basic fundamentals of the Spanish language including an introduction to various Spanish speaking cultures, grammar, and vocabulary. Students will learn to read, write, listen and speak in Spanish on a variety of topics and themes.

Course Materials

Student are expected to bring the following to class daily:

Textbook - ¡Avancemos! 1a (7th Grade)

¡Avancemos! 1b (8th Grade)

1 ½” Three ring binder (For Spanish Only)

5 Dividers

Standard size white lined fill in paper with 3 holes

Sufficient pens and pencils (Blue or black ink only!)

White Board Markers

\*Recommended supplies: Spanish- English Dictionary, Plastic Protector Sheets, Reinforcement Labels (for binder holes)

Classroom Rules

1. Come to class punctually and prepared.
2. Be attentive during instruction.
3. Be respectful to everyone and everything.
4. Raise your hand and wait for permission before speaking out or getting up.
5. Wait for the teacher to dismiss you, not the bell.

Classroom Procedures

1. Arrive to class on time, walk to your seat quietly, and review the daily agenda.
2. Have the required work ready to be checked while you are completing your warm up activity. (Work due will be written on the agenda.)
3. Homework will be corrected in class and students are expected to self-correct their errors. Student corrections are very important for notebook checks. Failure to revise one’s work during reviews will negatively impact a student’s grade. There will be surprise pop quizzes to make sure that the corrections were made during class reviews.
4. Homework will be assigned daily and is due on the next day of class.
5. Students receive three late homework passes per term. This allows a student to submit work one day late without penalty. If a student exceeds three late homework assignments their work will only receive a maximum of 70%.
6. If you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to make up all missed work, notes, tests, and quizzes. The amount of time you have to submit missed work depends on the time you were absent. You have one day for each day you miss + one day to complete the assignments. If you miss a quiz or test you must make arrangements to take it within one week from your return to school.
7. All violations to classroom rules and procedures will result in consequences. The nature of the violation will determine the consequence. (Consequences include parental contact, teacher sessions, office referrals, additional assignments, etc.)
8. Behavior infractions will be documented and kept on file. This information will be made available to your parents/guardians.
9. The bell does not mean dismissal. Students must wait to be dismissed by the teacher. Desks and areas must be straightened before students leave.

Grading Policy

Homework 15%

Classwork 25%

Notebook Quizzes 15%

Assessments (Quizzes, Tests, Projects) 45%

**Late Homework Policy**

* Every student automatically has three late passes for homework every term. This means that 3 homework assignments may be submitted 1 day late without penalty each term.
* Assignments will receive a maximum score of 70% if a student has exhausted his or her late passes and continues to submit work late.
* Any assignment that is turned in late must be submitted to the late bin and the student must provide documentation for why the assignment is being submitted late (Title of assignment, date it was assigned, date it was submitted, and reason for it being late). Failure to provide the documentation required may result in inaccurate grades.

**Work Late Due to Absence**

* Students that miss work due to absence will not be penalized for submitting work late. This work should be submitted to the late bin with documentation explaining that it is late due to absence, date of absence, and date of submission. Failure to provide the required documentation may result in inaccurate grades.
* Students have one day for each absence plus one additional day to get caught up for a class that they missed.
* Students should utilize the teacher Wiki page to obtain all missing work if he or she is absent. The teacher will not use class time to give one on one attention to a student that is missing work from a missed class. The only two options for getting absentee work is afterschool or using the Wiki page.
* Students must make arrangements to make up any missed assessments within one week from their return to school.

**Late Classwork Policy**

* Students are given sufficient time to complete all class assignments in class. If a student does not finish his or her classwork during the class period, it must be finished at home for homework. This gives every student an extension period until the next day’s class. I will check classwork assignments the following class period when I check the homework. If classwork is not ready for submission, there will be a penalty to the student’s grade (Maximum points allowed will be 70%). However, if the classwork is submitted more than one week past its due date it will become a permanent zero.

***Note: There will be a cutoff date for late work each term. This date will be one week prior to the***

***last day of each marking period.***

***After-School Hours:***

***(Please inform me if you plan to stay after in case of any time conflicts.)***

***Monday – Friday: 2:15 – 2:45 pm***